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1. An order effective in January 1954 was given that all military personnel would be required to attend Russian language classes daily. It is mandatory procedure that all basic drill commands, etc., be given in Russian. This did not apply to the Merchant Marine.
2. In January 1954 a regulation was issued that the Russian language would be the primary language used and taught in Rumanian schools. Because of the lack of Russian-speaking teachers and texts, this order could be implemented on a limited basis only. In secondary schools, where the ability of the teachers permit, all courses are taught in Russian.

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3. In the summer of 1953 an order was given that all government fuctionaries take courses, effective that date, in the Russian language. All the larger government offices had their own language classes. During 1955 all government fuctionaries will be required to take oral and written examinations in the Russian language in order to retain their positions.

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